

The Democratic budget continues those investments and makes certain we will invest in the future of America.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET A BLUE-PRINT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Mr. GIBBS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, currently we are experiencing one of the worst economic recoveries in the history of our Nation. It's a stagnant economy, and this should not be the new normal. Our budget is a blueprint for economic growth and job creation.

I can't stress the differences between our budget and the Senate Democrat budget. Their budget raises taxes by over \$1 trillion and never balances. This is totally irresponsible.

We cannot continue to borrow nearly \$4 billion every day. Current policies and the Senate Democrats' plan is suffocating our economy and job growth.

Our budget brings us to a balanced budget using tax dollars in a fiscally responsible manner, commonsense regulatory tax reforms, and an energy policy that results in economic growth and job creation.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET PLAN

(Mr. CROWLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CROWLEY. Good day, Mr. Speaker. Good day, my colleagues—or as my Republican colleagues would say, bonjour.

Today, we're considering the Republican budget, which is a plan modeled after European-style austerity measures. In plain English, it is bad.

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office makes clear this budget will slow economic growth and kill over 2.5 million American jobs. It requires further sacrifices from our veterans, our seniors, students, small businesses, and hardworking middle class families. It ends Medicare as we know it. And it has no vision for how we're going to create jobs. It doesn't even include the phrase "job creation."

The American people rejected this budget in November 2012. The Congress should reject it today. It's time to say *au revoir*—good-bye—to this Republican budget and move forward with a plan focused on jobs and creating a better future for this country.

SENATE COMMENTS ON MARINE TRAGEDY

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was stunned to watch the senior Democrat leader of the other body implying that the blame for Monday's tragic

deaths of seven marines is the result of the recent automatic cuts to defense spending, also known as sequestration—"the sequester." His outrageous comments referring to the dead marines' training with explosives implied that the sequester which the President insisted upon was "going to cut back this stuff"—their training.

I'm appalled because this senior Democrat should know that the sequester cuts have not even been fully implemented. They could not have played a role in these marines' deaths.

As an American who has proudly worn the uniform of a naval officer, I am furious that a Member of Congress would play politics with such a tragedy. The families of these seven marines deserve an apology. I pray that they will get it.

Semper fi, Marines. Semper fi.

NEWBORN SCREENING SAVES LIVES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

(Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act.

In 2008, with strong bipartisan support, Congressman SIMPSON and I introduced the original bill that was signed into law that year. For the first time in history, a scientific method for adding newborn screenings to State programs was established.

Prior to enactment of this law, only 10 States and the District of Columbia required infants to be screened for all the recommended disorders. Today, 44 States and the District of Columbia require screening of at least 29 of the 31 core treatable conditions. Unfortunately, critical gaps and challenges remain.

The reauthorization bill establishes a grant program to assist States in developing followup and tracking programs and renews the Secretary's Advisory Committee for Heritable Disorders.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this vital legislation. No child should die or suffer from preventable disabilities which could have been detected at birth.

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HOUSE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Mr. DESJARLAIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to voice my strong support for the House Republican fiscal year 2014 budget. And I want to commend my colleague, chairman of the Budget Committee, PAUL RYAN, for his ongoing leadership on this issue.

There is simply no denying it: the Federal Government has a spending problem, a problem that has led to nearly \$17 trillion of debt. For too long, Washington has shirked its responsibility in addressing this issue and punted the problem to future generations. As a father, I cannot in good conscience let this generational theft continue.

It is critical that we pass a budget that puts our country back on track through responsible cuts and reforms. The Oversight and Government Reform Committee, of which I am a member, has already identified numerous duplicative government programs. Yet rather than eliminating these programs, the government continues to pour more money into them.

Congressman RYAN's budget prioritizes our spending so that we protect important programs in the long-term by trimming the waste in government.

BAN ON KNIVES

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, 11 years ago our Nation experienced unimaginable loss caused by the terrorist attacks on September 11. Let us not forget that the terrorists overtook planes using simple box cutters, which were allowed on board at the time.

TSA's recent decision to now lift the ban on knives on aircraft is shockingly irresponsible and reckless. Why make this potentially deadly decision when this policy has been keeping our Nation safer for years? This is dangerous for passengers, flight attendants, and pilots. The airlines, flight attendants, pilots, and Federal air marshals have all expressed their strong opposition to this TSA policy that will compromise their safety and the safety of their passengers.

Americans can plainly see that it is commonsense to keep potential weapons off our airplanes. We have already witnessed the harm knives can cause. Knives took down four planes. Knives took down the World Trade Center. Knives struck at the heart of our Nation's defense. Knives took thousands of innocent lives.

This is a huge step backwards in protecting American security. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to stand with the American people and urge TSA to not implement this reckless strategy.

RYAN BUDGET

(Mrs. ELLMERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the House budget proposal for the 2014 fiscal year. This proposal sets real practical goals that will stop spending money we don't have